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**Amendments to the Claims:**

Please cancel claim 3, amend claims 2 and 4-11, and add new claims 12-24 as follows. The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (Currently Amended). A voice recording and reproducing apparatus, comprising:

conversion means for converting inputted voice signals into digitized voice data;

5        a data table for storing ~~information to be added to the voice data as header information~~ a plurality of ID data for predetermined ID items;

10        ID data selecting means for selecting arbitrary ID data from the ID data of the predetermined ID items stored in the data table;

data file creating means for creating a data file by adding the ID data selected by the ID data selecting means to the voice data converted by the conversion means as header information;

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recording means ~~for adding header information stored in the~~  
15 ~~data table to said voice data converted by said conversion means~~  
~~and for recording said voice data the data file in voice data~~  
~~recording means a recording medium; and~~

changing means for communicating with an external apparatus  
connected to the voice recording and reproducing apparatus and  
20 for changing ~~header information~~ the ID data stored in the data  
table based upon information sent from the external apparatus.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended). The apparatus according to  
claim 1, wherein

the data table is stored in a rewritable nonvolatile storage  
medium; and

5 said changing means rewrites ~~header information~~ the ID data  
stored in the data table ~~as header information~~ with ID data sent  
from said external apparatus.

Claim 3 (Cancelled).

Claim 4 (Currently Amended). The apparatus according to  
claim 1, wherein said changing means can change at least one of  
ID data identifying a user, ID data identifying a work type, an

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~~option item name data displayed on a display portion of the voice~~  
5 ~~recording and reproducing apparatus and an option item ID, which~~  
~~are stored in the data table data concerning the data displayed~~  
~~on said display portion among said header information.~~

Claim 5 (Currently Amended). An information processing apparatus for which a plurality of external data recording and reproducing apparatuses for digitizing and recording inputted signals in a recording medium are connectable, comprising:

5 connection number allocation means for, after connecting the  
external data recording and reproducing apparatuses to the  
information processing apparatus, allocating a connection number